GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RAILWAY SAFETY FUND
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rs.17,000 crore Railway Safety Fund has not become operational even after six weeks of its clearance of grant;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a major portion of this grant was to be borne by the Finance Ministry and the Planning Commission;

(d) if so, whether any directive has been issued to the Railways for making this fund operational soon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir. The Special Railway Safety Fund is already in operation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A major portion of the funds (around Rs.12000 crores) would be contributed by Ministry of Finance over a period of six years.

(d) & (e) : Budgetary allocations under the Special Railway Safety Fundhave been made to the Zonal Railways, both in the Revised Estimates 2001-02 and Budget Estimates 2002-03. These are reflected in the Budgetdocuments presented to Parliament on 26.2.2002.

The Accounting modalities for this Fund have also been advised to the Zonal Railways.